

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1.-95. (Canceled)

Claim 96. (Currently Amended) A locking system, comprising:

a portable electronic device having a wall defining a security slot; and

a security device comprising

a housing,

including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a locking member sized to enter into and be removed from said security slot, wherein the slot engagement member is insertable into and removable from the slot when the security device is in an unlocked configuration position, said slot engagement member being moveable between said unlocked position and a locked position and wherein said locking member slot engagement member is retained within said security slot when the security device is in a locked configuration,;

a retractable inhibiting member coupled to said housing, the retractable inhibiting member and within said security slot when said slot engagement member is in said locked position, for inhibiting movement removal of the slot engagement member from the security slot when the security device is in the locked configuration of said slot engagement member from said locked position, the retractable inhibiting member being retractable relative to the slot engagement member,; and

a cable, coupled to said housing, for attaching to an object other than said portable electronic device.

Claim 97. (Currently Amended) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said slot engagement member rotates when moving between said an unlocked position and a said locked position.

Claim 98. (Currently Amended) The locking system of claim 96 wherein said slot engaging member has a slot engaging portion that is complementary to preselected dimensions of said security slot.

Claim 99. (Canceled)

Claim 100. (Currently Amended) The locking system of claim ~~99~~ 96 wherein said retractable inhibiting member extends through said housing.

Claims 101.-105. (Canceled)

Claim 106. (New) The locking system of claim 96 wherein the security slot has dimensions of about 3 mm x about 7 mm.

Claim 107. (New) The locking system of claim 96 wherein the portable electronic device is a portable computer.

Claim 108. (New) The locking system of claim 96 wherein the retractable inhibiting member is a retractable spindle member.

Claim 109. (New) The locking system of claim 108 wherein the security slot has dimensions of about 3 mm x about 7 mm.